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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 2148

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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ON SUSPENSION OF RELATIONS
WITH EQUATORIAL GUINEA

REF: MADRID 2071

1. THE MADRID PRESS MARCH 23 GAVE PROMINENT PLACE TO STORIES
STEMMING FROM A FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE (WHICH WAS VERY
SHORT AND MATTER-OF-FACT) NOTING THE EQUATORIAL GUINEAN PRESI-
DENT HAD GIVEN A SPEECH ATTACKING "SPAIN AND THE SPANISH
GOVT" AND THAT THE SPANISH CHARGE HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO MADRID
FOR CONSULTATIONS, "LEAVING TEMPORARILY IN SUSPENSE SPANISH
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION" IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA.

2. THE ACCOMPANYING STORIES QUOTED MINISTRY SOURCES IN
EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND (INCLUDING THE LIFTING OF THE PRESS
BAN ON EG MATERIAL), AND IN ASSERTING THAT THE SPANISH COLONY
IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA WAS CALM AND THAT THE GOS REMAINED ALERT
TO ANY SIGN THAT THE INCIDENT COULD BE OVERCOME.

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3. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF FOR SUBSAHARAN AFRICA
AND CONTINENTAL ASIA (CASSINELLO) TOLD EMBOFF THAT
REPORTERS HAD NOTICED THE CHARGE WAS BACK AND BEGAN TO
MAKE INQUIRIES, THUS OBLIGING THE MINISTRY TO RESPOND.
CASSINELLO CONFIRMED THE POINTS ABOUT THE CALM OF
SPANISH RESIDENTS AND GOS HOPES, ADDING THAT SUCH HOPES
HAD TO BE HYPOTHETICAL BUT THAT THE SIGNS AT THE MOMENT

(AN AMENABLE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF EG OFFICIALS) WERE
POSITIVE.EATON

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